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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7085

BILL NUMBER: HB 1395

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 10, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mental Health Placement.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Becker

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Server

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that if the Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction decides that a final placement decision is to be made for a mentally ill person, the decision must be made by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist in consultation with the mentally ill person's psychiatrist or psychologist. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Health Finance Commission.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Director is currently authorized to delegate statutory duties or powers. This bill adds the provision that the Director or any delegate must be either a licensed psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist to make a final decision concerning a mental health placement. The current Director is not a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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